

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell system comprising:
a fuel cell arrangement and
an injector for returning exhaust gas of the fuel cell arrangement, the injector including,
a fuel inlet opening,
a following nozzle extending from the fuel inlet opening,
a following diffuser having an outlet opening,
a chamber between an outlet of the nozzle and an entry area of the diffuser, and
an intake opening for feed of anode exhaust gas from the fuel cell arrangement to the chamber,

wherein, within the chamber in an area adjacent the entry area of the diffuser, a valve is provided which has a passage therethrough and which is movable from a first position permitting the passage of the fuel from the nozzle to the outlet opening and a second position preventing the passage of fuel from the nozzle to the outlet opening, the passage of the valve forming an inlet portion of the diffuser in said first position.

2. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell system comprising
a fuel cell arrangement,
a reformer for reforming a liquid or gaseous fuel into a fuel-containing gas,
an injector for returning anode exhaust gas to the reformer, the injector including
an inlet opening,
a following nozzle extending from the inlet opening,
a following diffuser having an outlet opening,
a chamber between an outlet of the nozzle and an entry area of the diffuser, and
an intake opening for feed of anode exhaust gas from the fuel cell arrangement to the chamber,

wherein, within the chamber in an area adjacent the entry area of the diffuser, a valve is provided which has a passage therethrough and which is movable from a first position permitting the passage of the fuel from the nozzle to the outlet opening and a second

[[slide]] position preventing the passage of fuel from the nozzle to the outlet opening, the passage in the valve forming an inlet portion of the diffuser in said first position.

3. (Original) The fuel cell system of claim 1, wherein the intake opening is connected to both an anode exhaust of the fuel cell arrangement and a burner to enable diverting the fuel when the slide is in the second slide position.

4. (Original) The fuel cell system of claim 2, wherein the intake opening is connected to both an anode exhaust of the fuel cell arrangement and a burner to enable diverting the fuel when the slide is in the second slide position.

5. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell system of claim 1, wherein the [[slide]] valve is movable to intermediate positions between the first and the second [[slide]] positions such that the diffuser geometry in an area adjacent the entry area of the diffuser can be changed.

6. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell system of claim 2, wherein the [[slide]] valve is movable to intermediate positions between the first and the second [[slide]] positions such that the diffuser geometry in an area adjacent the entry area of the diffuser can be changed.

7. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell system of claim 3, wherein the [[slide]] valve is movable to intermediate positions between the first and the second [[slide]] positions such that the diffuser geometry in an area adjacent the entry area of the diffuser can be changed.

8. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell system of claim 4, wherein the [[slide]] valve is movable to intermediate positions between the first and the second [[slide]] positions such that the diffuser geometry in an area adjacent the entry area of the diffuser can be changed.